

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 06/22/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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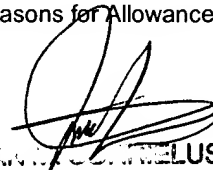
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


JEANNE CORNELIUS
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is response to Applicants' APPEAL BRIEF filed on 06/22/2005.
2. Claims 1-21 are allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The present application has been thoroughly reviewed. Upon searching a variety of databases, the examiner respectfully submits that claims 1-21 are allowed in light of the applicants' argument and in light of the prior arts of made record.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claimed invention is directed to a method, and a system for report generation comprising a first generator lined through a first interface to one or more associated first type components in order to generate a report element of a first type . The system also includes a second generator linked through a second interface to one or more associated second type components, which invokes at least one second type component to generate a report element of a second type. And in combination, the generated first and second type report elements with a template file that is associated with the first and second included components sections to generate the report.

The closest prior arts, Knutson et al. (hereinafter Knutson) of US Patent No.: 5,870,746 teaches creation of reports from the Graphical User Interface (GUI) from which the report generator receives data from a system and generates output that it may specify such as text, graphs or tables as appropriate output. While Bleizeffer et al

(hereinafter Bleizeffer) of US Patent No.: 6,539,371 teaches an apparatus for filtering database queries written in SQL. Bleizeffer's system includes a query visual module, which operates to provide a report on query access path data, statement cost data and object statistics, and use report creator and graph generator.

Thus, In combination, Knutson and Bleizeffer fail to teach "a first generator, operably link through a first interface to one or more associated first type components and a second generator, operably linked through a second interface to one or more associated second type components." (Pages 7 & 8 of Appeal Brief dated 06/22/2005).

These distinct features, in conjunction with all other limitations of the dependents and independent claims render claims 1-21 them allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Contact Information

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anh Ly whose telephone number is (571) 272-4039 or via E-Mail: ANH.LY@USPTO.GOV or fax to **(571) 273-4039**. The examiner can normally be reached on TUESDAY – THURSDAY from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene, can be reached on (571) 272-4107 or **Primary Examiner Jean Corrielus (571) 272-4032**.

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